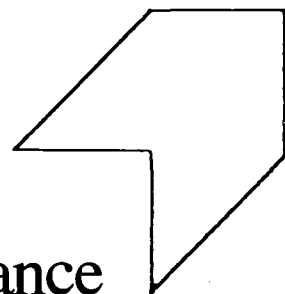


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Ernest Glinne

After the opening address given by Simone Veil on her election to the Presidency of the European Parliament Ernest Glinne, the Chairman of the Socialist Group, spoke on behalf of the Group. He defined the lines of action to be taken by the socialists and indicated their commitment to the creation of an effective transnational democracy in Europe.

As a result of our political confrontation yesterday you, Madam, have been appointed to the office of President. We give you our sincere good wishes for success in your task. Your success will be conditioned by your impartiality and your ability to support, without any split between a majority and opposition, all the initiatives which emanate from this Assembly in conformity with the duly accepted rules and procedures. The President-in-Office of the Council has paid us the honour of attending and addressing this session of the recently elected Parliament. In thanking him, I wish to formulate the immediate and pressing wish that the Presidency of the Council will in future participate in all the major debates of our Assembly. The latter, having recently acquired new legitimacy, must assert and extend its role, especially as the decision on direct elections was *linked* with the creation of the European Council, an Institution for which there is no provision in the Treaty of Rome and whose action is admissible only if the elected Assembly constitutes a genuine counterbalance to it. The Socialist Group is therefore looking forward to a far-reaching and constant improvement in the relations between Parliament and the Council of Ministers and, more particularly, its Presidency. Towards the Commission we shall maintain our attitude of expectant but vigilant trust. The President-in-Office of the Council stressed just now the importance of the first European election held on 10 June which he described as a historic occasion. At the European Council of 21 and 22 June, *the Heads of State or Government noted with satisfaction that the election had been held under satisfactory conditions*. The Socialist Group as always attached great importance to the application of Article 138 of the Treaty which relates to the election of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage and it takes no little pride in the fact that 20 years ago and even more

recently it has numbered among its members pioneers of the procedure which ultimately led to this consultation of the people. It would, however, be unjustified and irresponsible not to enquire into the real significance of the operation of 10 June which was so ardently awaited by most of the political parties including our own. With the exception of Italy, the rate of absenteeism was enormous. Even in a country like Belgium where voting is compulsory there were up to 25 % of spoiled and blank votes and abstentions. There is a lesson to be drawn from this. Europe has still not made a sufficient impression on its people; most of the citizens of Europe do not feel themselves really concerned by the Community which they accuse of bureaucracy, secrecy and a failure to influence the daily lives of the men and women to whom its action is directed. Europe is too intermittent, too obscure to be understood and accepted by each and everyone of its citizens. All the Institutions of the community, first and foremost the elected Assembly, must now more than ever before make a great effort to acquire more credibility. More information and a better quality of activity will be the order of the day if institutional Europe is to become a people's Europe and if, in particular, the Parliament is not to become dangerously denatured by 1984 into an incomprehensible talking-shop with Byzantine ways. We must also avoid — indeed we should have avoided them in the past — manipulations and machinations which are unworthy of us. How can Europe be an example when it is bogged down in sordid practices and the basest forms of parliamentarism, when irregularities are from the outset given official blessing? Last week in Luxembourg the Socialist Group particularly deplored and condemned the irregular procedure by which the Socialists were deprived of one of their seats in France. That arbitrary

decision, contrary to the law and to basic justice, dealt a severe blow at direct universal suffrage. The result has been that the European Assembly is now deprived of a great voice: that of François Mitterrand who has resigned his mandate in solemn protest against this disturbing infringement of democracy. Policies in Europe must also change. The Socialist Group representing here 29,5 million European electors or 27 % of the votes cast is, as the largest force in this Assembly, well-qualified to point out the need for a change of direction in Europe. The frustrations engendered by past policies are too deep seated and too numerous. A few months ago the European Confederation of Trade Unions, that great representative body in which tens of millions of workers are joined together and of which we see ourselves here as a natural political extension, became so disillusioned that it called into question its participation in the Tripartite Conferences. The six million unemployed are the natural sceptics of Europe and so they will remain until transparent and effective solutions, involving a substantial contribution from the Community, have been found to their dramatic plight.

The resolve to safeguard peace and freedom, the intention to organize economic and social progress and constantly improve the living and working conditions of our peoples, together with a determination to abolish all discrimination between the sexes, all these avowed intentions set down in the preamble to the Treaty of Rome and in other basic texts must not remain mere words on paper; on the contrary they must guide the action of the Community. As a political group we are probably not yet strong enough to convince the Assembly easily of this but, in this Chamber and elsewhere, we shall be indefatigable in recalling the main themes of our election campaign whose relevance has just been stressed by the European trade Union Confederation in a letter to the Presidency of this Assembly. These themes are:

- improvement of working conditions and programmes to achieve full employment, particularly through a fairer distribution of available jobs, and with the powerful support for a reduction in working hours and a systematic occupational training and education policy;
- safeguarding and improving living standards;

— democratic control of economic and social development through structural reform, economic planning and the exercise of effective control over multinational companies and major industrial and financial groupings. We want to see greater democracy in industry at every level in a manner adapted to the special circumstances of each country and in cooperation with the trade union organizations;

— control of pollution and a comprehensive energy policy. An effective programme must be laid down by the European Community to save energy and develop alternative sources of energy. In this connection no new development and new utilization can be accepted unless they are the subject of public control and management and unless effective safeguards are laid down against risks liable to damage public security and health and lead to environmental deterioration;

— end discrimination, especially discrimination against women;

— develop more effective regional policies capable of contributing meaningfully to the removal of the broad disparities which still exist between the regions of Europe;

— protect consumers, in particular through objective information and the right of defence against misleading publicity;

— promote peace, security and cooperation;

— finally, defend the rights of man and the civil liberties which reflect the most fundamental human needs. To attain these objectives we shall seek to promote, in each individual case within this Assembly, the formation of progressive, transnational and transpartisan majorities representing a coalition of our best endeavours.

Madam President, the Socialist Group also wishes to see created within the Community today and the enlarged Community tomorrow an effective transnational democracy at European level with the concomitant desire to break the bipolar system prevailing in the world and to escape from the constraints of dependence and authoritarianism. The motions which we shall already be tabling this week on a number of pressing international problems will reflect without delay our staunch attachment to the rights of man and the rights of our peoples.

The Socialist Group of the European Parliament: introduction

Members from nine countries and fourteen different parties have come together to form the Socialist Group in the European Parliament. They have in common the traditions of the labour movement and the aim of attaining the objectives of democratic socialism in their respective countries and in the European Community as a whole.

With its 113 members the Socialist Group is the largest political group in the European Parliament. Its origins go back to 23 June 1953, when the Socialists in the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community formed a group.

The Group's geographical composition is as follows:

- Federal Republic of Germany: 35 members.
- France: 22 members.
- United Kingdom: 18 members (1 member from Northern Ireland).
- Italy: 13 members.
- Netherlands: 9 members.
- Belgium: 7 members.
- Ireland: 4 members.
- Denmark: 4 members (1 member from Greenland).
- Luxembourg: 1 member.

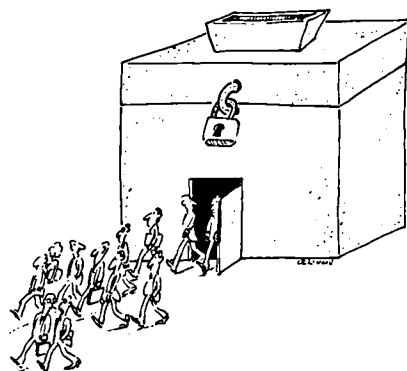
The Chairman of the Group is Ernest Glinne (Belgium). The Vice-Chairmen are: Rudi Arndt (Federal Republic of Germany), Claude Estier (France), Barbara Castle (United Kingdom), Pietro Lezzi (Italy), Ien Van den Heuvel (Netherlands).

Other members of the Bureau are: Victor Abens (Luxembourg), Antonio Cariglia (Italy), Charles-Emile Loo (France), Horst Seefeld (Germany), Eva Gredal (Denmark), Michael O'Leary (Ireland), Ann Clwyd (United Kingdom), John Hume (Northern Ireland), who is treasurer of the Group and Marcel Colla (Belgium).

John O'Connell (Ireland), Richard Balfe (United Kingdom) and Luise Herklotz (Germany) are the auditors of the Group.

Five of the twelve Vice-Presidents of the European Parliament belong to the Socialist Group: Bruno Friedrich (Federal Republic of Germany), Gérard Jaquet (France), Allan Rogers (United Kingdom), Piet Dankert (Netherlands) and Mario Zagari (Italy).

The Chairman of five of the European Parliaments' fifteen committees belong to the Socialist Group: Erwin Lange (Federal Republic of Germany) Committee on Budgets; Jacques Delors (France) Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs; Mauro Ferri (Italy) Legal Affairs Committee; Horst Seefeld (Federal Republic of Germany) Committee on Transport; Ken Collins (United Kingdom) Committee on the Environment,



Public Health and Consumer Protection.

The following members are Vice-Chairmen of parliamentary committees:

- Political Affairs Committee: Pierre Mauroy (France).
- Committee on Energy and Research: Michael Gallagher (United Kingdom).
- Committee on External Economic Relations: Heidi Wiecek-Zeul (Germany) and Dr. Barry Seal (United Kingdom).
- Committee on Social Affairs and Employment: Mario Dido (Italy) and Hans Peters (Germany).
- Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning: Eileen Desmond (Ireland).
- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection: Beate Weber (Germany).
- Committee on Youth Affairs, Culture, Education, Information and Sport: Liam Kavanagh (Ireland).
- Committee on Development and Cooperation: Heinz Kühn (Germany).
- Committee on Budgetary Control: Piet Dankert (Netherlands).
- Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions: Marie-Claude Vayssade (France).

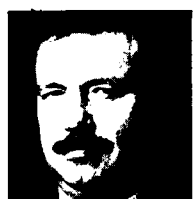
The Secretariat of the Socialist Group is based in Luxembourg and has a staff of 35. It is headed by Manfred Michel, the Secretary-General.

Belgium

Parti Socialiste (PS)



Delmotte, Fernand
Born 24.7.1920.
Technician-mechanic. Former Minister. Senator for Mons-Soignies. Mayor of Lessines. President of Senate Socialist Group. Member of European Parliament since 1973. Member of the Bureau of the Socialist Party.



Glinne, Ernest
Born 30.3.1931.
Graduate in political, administrative and diplomatic science. Director of Bureau of Studies, former minister, member of Bureau of Socialist Party. Deputy for Charleroi, outgoing vice-chairman of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament. President of the Socialist Group.



Lizin-Vanderspeeten, Anne-Marie
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Graduate in economic science. Counsellor in Cabinet of Minister for Foreign Affairs. Local Councillor. Member of the Socialist Party committee on women.



Radoux, Lucien
Born 18.7.1921.
Director of European Foundation for International Exchanges. Senator for Brussels.

Belgische Socialistische Partij (BSP)

Flemish Socialist Party



Colla, Marcel
Born 28.9.1943.
Sociologist. Former Chef de Cabinet in the Ministry for Economic Affairs. Alderman. Member of the Bureau of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament.



Van Miert, Karel
Born 17.1.1942.
Diplomatic sciences, post-graduate studies in European affairs. Member of teaching staff of VUB (Dutch-speaking section of Free University of Brussels). Chairman of BSP. Vice-Chairman of the Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Communities.



Vernimmen, Willy
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Senator for Oudenaarde - Ronse / Aalst, former trade union secretary. Welfare officer. Alderman at Gramont.

Denmark

Socialdemokratiet



Gredal, Eva,
Born 19.2.1927.
Trained social counsellor. Former Minister for Social Affairs. Member of Folketing for Østre Storkreds, Copenhagen. Member of Bureau of European Parliament Socialist Group.



Groes, Mette
Born 9.6.1937.
Lecturer at University Centre of Aalborg. Member of Folketing for North Jutland.



Fich, Ove
Born 16.3.1949.
Nuclear physicist. Former secretary general of the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY).

Siumut



Lyng, Finn
Born 22.4.1933.
Theologian and former Catholic priest. Head of Greenland Radio.

Germany

Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (SPD)



Arndt, Rudi
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Brandt, Willy
Born Lübeck 18.12.1913.
Journalist. Former Federal Chancellor. Holder of the Nobel Peace Prize. Member of the Bundestag. Chairman of the SPD. President of the Socialist International. Chairman of the Independent Commission for International Development Issues.



Fellermaier, Ludwig
Born Vienna 2.7.1930.
Commercial training. Member of the Bundestag. Former chairman of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament. Currently, quaestor in the European Parliament and chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association.



Focke, Dr. Katharina
Born Bonn 8.10.1922.
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Friedrich, Bruno
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Editor. Member of the Bundestag. Vice-President of the Confederation of Socialist Parties of the European Community. Member of SPD Bureau. District chairman of SPD in Franken. Vice-President of the European Parliament.



Gabert, Volkmar
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Hänsch, Dr. Klaus
Born Sporttau 15.12.1938.
Political scientist. Editor. Former ministry press officer. Lecturer at the University of Duisburg. Chairman of Mettmann SPD.



Hauenschild, Karl
Born Hannover 30.8.1920.
Businessman. Chairman of the Chemical, Paper and Pottery Industries Trade Union. Former Member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Communities. Chairman of the ICF.



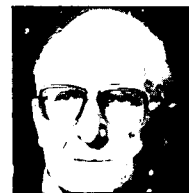
Herklotz, Luise
Born Speyer 20.8.1918.
Editor. Member of SPD Bureau in the Palatinate. Member of the Control Committee of the SPD. Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Speyer Cooperative Building Society. Auditor of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament.



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Civil engineer. Lecturer in industrial safety and accident prevention. Member of the Federal Executive of the SPD Working Party on Town Planning and Housing Policy. Member of the SPD Bureau in Hagen. Municipal councillor.



Klinkenborg, Jan
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Commercial training. Lord Mayor of Emden. Member of the SPD Bureau of Weser-Ems.



Kühn, Heinz
Born Cologne 18.2.1912.
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Atlantic Assembly and chairman of
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Chairman of the Committee on
Budgets of the European Parliament.



Linde, Erdmann
Born Dresden 22.2.1943.
Mechanical Engineer. Head of
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Council. Member of SPD Bureau for
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Member of the SPD Council.



Linkohr, Dr. Rolf
Born Stuttgart 11.4.1941.
Physicist. Local chairman of the
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Wire metal worker. President of the
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Peters, Hans
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Heimat company in Westphalia.
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Social Affairs and Employment of the
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Employment.



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Lawyer. Former Minister of Justice.
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Landtag. Vice-chairman of the SPD
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Schinzel, Dieter
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Degree in Physics. Head of a welfare
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Schmid, Dr. Gerhard
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Degree in Chemistry. Research
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Schmitt, Heinz
Born Brackwede 30.8.1920.
Plumber and fitter. Union secretary.
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Westphalia.



Schön, Karl
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Theologian. Tutor. Member of the
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the Council of Europe's Committee
for the Architectural Heritage.



Seefeld, Horst
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Businessman. Press Officer. Member
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German Council of the European
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the Committee on Transport in the
European Parliament.



Seeler, Dr. Hans-Joachim
Born Lauenburg/Elbe 9.8.1930.
Lawyer. Former Senator. Member of
SPD Bureau in Hamburg and
chairman of the Wandsbek
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Seibel-Emmerling, Lilo
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School inspector. Member of the Bavarian Landtag. Chairman of the Association of Social-Democratic Women in Franken. Socialist coordinator of the committee on the Environment, public Health and Consumer protection of the European Parliament.



Siegler-Schmidt, Hellmut
Born Berlin 17.10.1917.
Diploma in Business Studies. Journalist. Former Senate Counsellor. Member of the Bundestag. Member of the SPD Bureau in Berlin. Vice-chairman of the German Europa-Union.



Vetter, Heinz-Oskar
Born Bochum 21.10.1917.
Fitter. President of the German Trade Union Federation. Vice-chairman and former Chairman of ETUC. Vice-Chairman of ICFTU.



Von der Vring, Dr. Thomas
Born Stuttgart 27.5.1937.
University lecturer. Founding rector of the University of Bremen. Member of the SPD Bureau in Bremen.



Wagner, Manfred
Born Hassel 14.1.1934.
Businessman. President of Saar Trade Union Federation. President of the interregional Council of Trade Unions of the Saar, Lorraine and Luxembourg. Vice-Chairman of the SPD, Saarbrücken.



Walter, Gerd
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Weber, Beate
Born Reichenberg 12.12.1943.
Teacher. Vice-Chairman of the SPD Council. Member of Heidelberg City Council. Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Environment. Public Health and Consumer Protection.



Wettig, Klaus
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Composer. Research assistant. Sub-district chairman of the SPD in Göttingen. Member of district council.



Wieczorek-Zeul, Heidi
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Teacher. Member of the South Hesse SPD Bureau and SPD Council. Former chairman of the Young Socialist Federation. Chairman of the European Liaison Office for international Youth Organizations. Vice-Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations in the European Parliament.

France

Socialists and Radicaux de Gauche



Charzat, Gisèle
Born 1941.
Teacher.



Cresson, Edith
Born 1934.
Agricultural Engineer.



Delors, Jacques
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Graduate in economics. Director of a research centre. Associate university professor. Socialist Party delegate for international economic relations. Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament.



Estier, Claude
Born 8.6.1925.
Diploma in political science.
Journalist. Director of weekly
publication. Member of Paris
Municipal Council. Vice-Chairman of
the Socialist Group of the European
Parliament.



Faure, Maurice
Born 2.1.1922.
Agrégé in history and geography.
Doctor of Law. Teacher. Former
minister (signatory of Treaty of
Rome). Radical de gauche. Mayor of
Cahors. Chairman of the council.
Deputy.



Gaspard, Françoise
Born 1945.
Counsellor to Administrative
Tribunal. Mayor of Dreux.



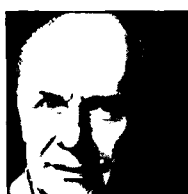
Jaquet, Gérard
Born 12.1.1916.
Doctor, member of Conseil d'Etat
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Party Executive Committee.
Vice-President of the European
Parliament.



Josselin, Charles
Born 1938.
Graduate in public law and political
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Deputy (1973-1978).



Loo, Charles-Emile
Born 4.3.1922.
Typographer. Director of workers'
cooperative. Member of Socialist
Party Executive Committee. Former
Deputy. Member of Bureau of
European Parliament Socialist Group.



Martinet, Gilles
Born 8.8.1916.
Graduate in literature and in history.
Journalist. Member of the Socialist
Executive Committee.



Mauroy, Pierre
Born 5.7.1928.
Teacher. Member of Socialist Party
Executive Committee. Deputy for the
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Moreau, Jacques
Born 1933.
Trade union official (CFDT). Member
of Socialist Party Executive
Committee.



Motchane, Didier
Born 1931.
Civil servant. Member of Socialist
Party Executive Committee.



Oehler, Jean
Born 1937.
Builder's merchant. Member of
Socialist Party Executive Committee.
Local councillor.



Percheron, Daniel
Born 1942.
Teacher. Municipal Councillor at
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Calais regional council. Member of
Socialist Party Executive Committee.



Pisani, Edgard
Born in 1918.
Member of the Senate. Former
Minister. Former chairman of the
Committee on Economic and
Monetary Affairs of the European
Parliament. Member of the Willy
Brandt-Commission for a new
economic order.



Roudy, Yvette
Born 1929.
Journalist. Author of « La vie du
couple », « La réussite de la femme »
and « La femme en marge ». Member
of the Socialist Party Executive
Committee.



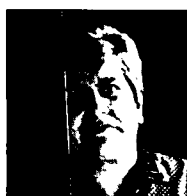
Sarre, Georges
Born 1935.
Inspector of PTT. Chairman of
Socialist Group of Paris Council.



Schwartzberg, Roger-Gérard
Born 17.4.1943.
Agrégé in public law and political science. Vice-Chairman of Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche (MRG).



Sutra de Germa, Georges
Born 1930.
Winegrower. Municipal Councillor. Member of the Bureau of the National Agricultural Commsision.



Vayssade, Marie-Claude
Born 1936.
Leader of a workers' education centre.



Fuillet, Yvette
Born 1923.
Municipal councillor of Marseilles. Member of the Socialist Party Executive Committee.

Luxembourg

Parti Ouvrier Socialiste Luxembourgeois (POSL)



Abens, Victor
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Industrialist. Member of Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe. Deputy, Mayor of Vianden. Member of Bureau of European Parliament Socialist Group.

Netherlands

Partij van de Arbeid (PvdA)



Albers, Willem
Born Amsterdam 30.11.1920.
Trained as chemical analyst. Local politics at Zutphen; former Member of Parliament; Member of the European Parliament since 1974. Member of the EP since 1974.



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Born Rotterdam 4.3.1930.
Political and social sciences at Amsterdam. Former principal administrator in Mansholt and Lardinois cabinets; former Chef de Cabinet for Commissioner Vredeling; «development» director at the Commission.



Dankert, Pieter
Born Stiens (Fr.) 8.1.1934.
Trained teacher; Dip. Ed. history. Former PvdA International secretary; member of PvdA National Executive 1963-1971 Member of Parliament; former Member of the Assembly of the Council of Europe, the WEU Assembly and the North Atlantic Assembly; Member of the European Parliament since 1977; Vice-Chairman of the EP Committee on Budgetary Control; dual mandate.



Krouwel-Vlam, J.B. (Annie)
Born Hengelo (O) 29.6.1928.
MULO and commercial evening classes. Former Member of Parliament; former Vice-Chairman of PvdA Women's Organization; Member of European Parliament since 1977; former Chairman of EP Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection.



van den Heuvel-de Blank, C. (Ien)
Born Tiel 7.8.1927.
HBS-B. Former Chairman of PvdA Women's Organization; former Member of Parliament and PvdA chairman. Vice-Chairman of the Socialist Group of the European Parliament.



Van Minnen, Johan
Born Noordwolde (Fr.) 31.10.1932.
Trained journalist. Journalist correspondent in Luxembourg and Bonn; Radio and television commentator; former ombudsman of the Ombudsman Foundation (VARA television).



Muntingh, Hemmo J.
Born Amsterdam 30.12.1938.
Business economy, Free University of Amsterdam. Secretary of Landelijke Vereniging tot Behoud van de Waddenzee; Chairman of the Foundation Européene pour l'environnement.



Vondeling, Anne † 22.11.1979
Born Appelscha (Fr.) 2.3.1916.
Wageningen Agricultural College.
Member of Parliament 1946-1979;
former Minister of Agriculture and
Food, Chairman of Dutch labour
party; President of Chamber from
1972 to 1979, Vice-President of the
European Parliament.



Woltjer, Eiso
Born Nieuwe-Pekela (Gr.) 9.1.1942.
Wageningen Agricultural College.
Member of teaching staff at Deventer
Agricultural College. Former member
of the provincial council. Involved
for 3 years in an agricultural
development project in Lombok
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Ireland

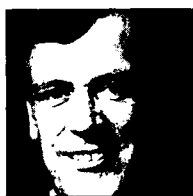
Labour Party



Desmond, Eileen
Munster. Born 29.12.1932.
Former civil servant. Deputy 1965-69
and 1973. Senator 1969-1973. Member
Cork County Council since 1965.



Kavanagh, Liam
Leinster. Born 9.2.1935.
Deputy for Wicklow. Member of the
European Parliament since 1973.
Member of Wicklow County Council.
Vice-Chairman of the Committee on
Youth Affairs, Culture, Education,
Information and Sport of the
European Parliament.



Dr. O'Connell, John F.
Dublin. Born 20.1.1930.
Editor, Irish Medical Times. Doctor.
Deputy since 1965. Labour
spokesman on social welfare 1969-72
and on health 1972-73. Auditor of the
Socialist Group of the European
Parliament.



O'Leary, Michael
Dublin. Born 8.5.1936.
Minister for Labour 1973-77.
President of EEC Council of Social
Affairs Ministers 1975. Member of
the Bureau of the Socialist Group of
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Italy

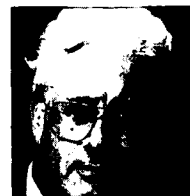
Partito Socialista Italiano (PSI)



Arfe, Gaetano
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12.11.1925.
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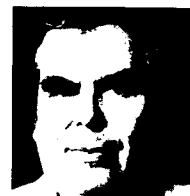
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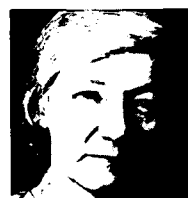


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MP for Foyle, NI Parliament 1969-73.
NI Assembly 1973-75. Minister of
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